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Letter dated 25 July 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

As you are aware, in the framework of my good offices mission, I dispatched the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs, Ibrahim Gambari, to Turkey, Greece and Cyprus from 3 to 9 July 2006. In this connection, I am transmitting to you the "Set of Principles" and "Decision by the two leaders", both of which were signed by Tassos Papadopoulos and Mehmet Ali Talat in Nicosia on 8 July in the presence of Mr. Gambari (see annexes).

I would be grateful if this letter and its annexes could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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Annex I to the letter dated 25 July 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Set of Principles

1. Commitment to the unification of Cyprus based on a bi-zonal, bi-communal federation and political equality, as set out in the relevant Security Council resolutions.

2. Recognition of the fact that the status quo is unacceptable and that its prolongation would have negative consequences for Turkish and Greek Cypriots.

3. Commitment to the proposition that a comprehensive settlement is both desirable and possible, and should not be further delayed.

4. Agreement to begin a process immediately, involving bi-communal discussion of issues that affect the day-to-day life of the people and concurrently those that concern substantive issues, both of which will contribute to a comprehensive settlement.

5. Commitment to ensure that the right atmosphere prevails for this process to be successful. In that connection, confidence-building measures are essential, both in terms of improving the atmosphere and the life of all Turkish and Greek Cypriots. Also in that connection, an end must be put to the so-called "blame game".

Annex II to the letter dated 25 July 2006 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

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Decision by the two leaders

The Technical Committees on issues that affect the day-to-day life of people will commence by the end of July provided that, at the same time, the two leaders will also have exchanged a list of issues of substance and its contents to be studied by expert bi-communal working groups and finalized by the leaders.

The two leaders will meet further, from time to time as appropriate, to give directions to the expert bi-communal working groups as well as to review the work of the Technical Committees.